



The Kings of Wessex Academy

Getting the best out of everyone

1st February 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 13 Question of Taste Trip at @Bristol – 21st March 2018

As part of the Biology A2 course, students will be undertaking work on the functions of DNA and current technologies used to study and manipulate it. To facilitate this, the Biology Department have organised for 30 Year 13 students to attend a workshop at @Bristol. The Question of Taste workshop enables students to explore an unusual human trait. Using DNA extraction, PCR and gel electrophoresis, students will investigate their own DNA to investigate whether or not they possess the bitter taste gene. The social and moral implications surrounding these genetic technologies will also be discussed.

The coach will depart from Kings at 8.45am and will return at approximately 4.30pm. Therefore, students will need to organise alternative transport from school. Students also need to bring a packed lunch and something to write with.

This visit will have a very positive impact on knowledge and understanding. The trip will cost £30. Cheques should be made payable to The Kings of Wessex Academy, or alternatively, you can pay online by logging on to the Academy website. Payments must be accompanied by the parental consent form below and the attached medical form by the 16th of February.

As with all Academy trips students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy, therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the residential and in the lead up to the trip. Failure to do this could result in them losing their place and any payments made to date. Poor attendance in the run up to an enrichment activity may result in the place being withdrawn and loss of all payments to date. This decision would be made at the discretion of the Academy. Absence following a school activity (for example: tiredness due to a late return, or sore feet following an extensive day walking) will not be authorised unless medical certification is provided. Without this evidence, students may not be allowed to attend further Academy enrichment activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM.

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As parent/guardian of _____ Tutor Group _____ I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate. I am aware that

- a) Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for pupils in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- b) I should consider making my own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for my son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK
- c) If a medical condition is diagnosed after final payment parents may choose to withdraw their child. Equally if the Academy feel they cannot accommodate the student within the pre-existing arrangement for the trip, the Academy reserve the right to withdraw the student place.

Signed _____ **Date** _____